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Ariel is a mermaid.

She is also a princess.

Flounder is her friend.



Scuttle is her friend, too.

He teaches Ariel
about humans.



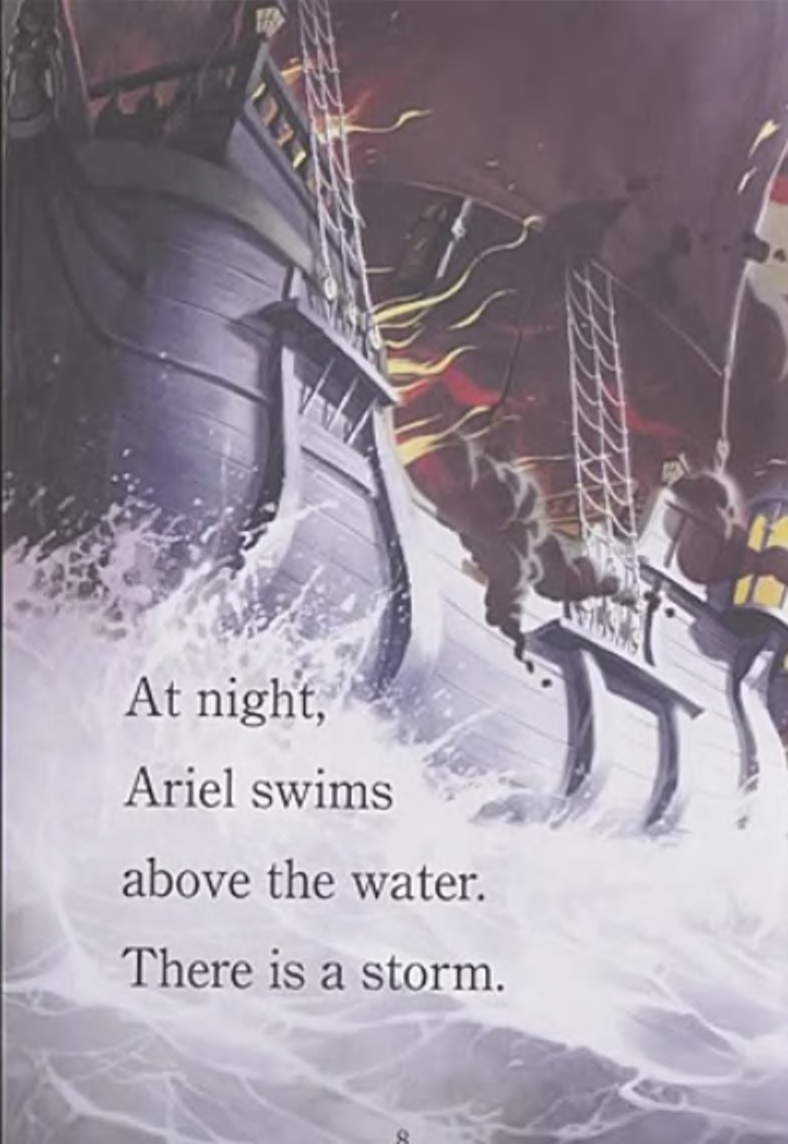
Ariel dreams of life
above the sea.



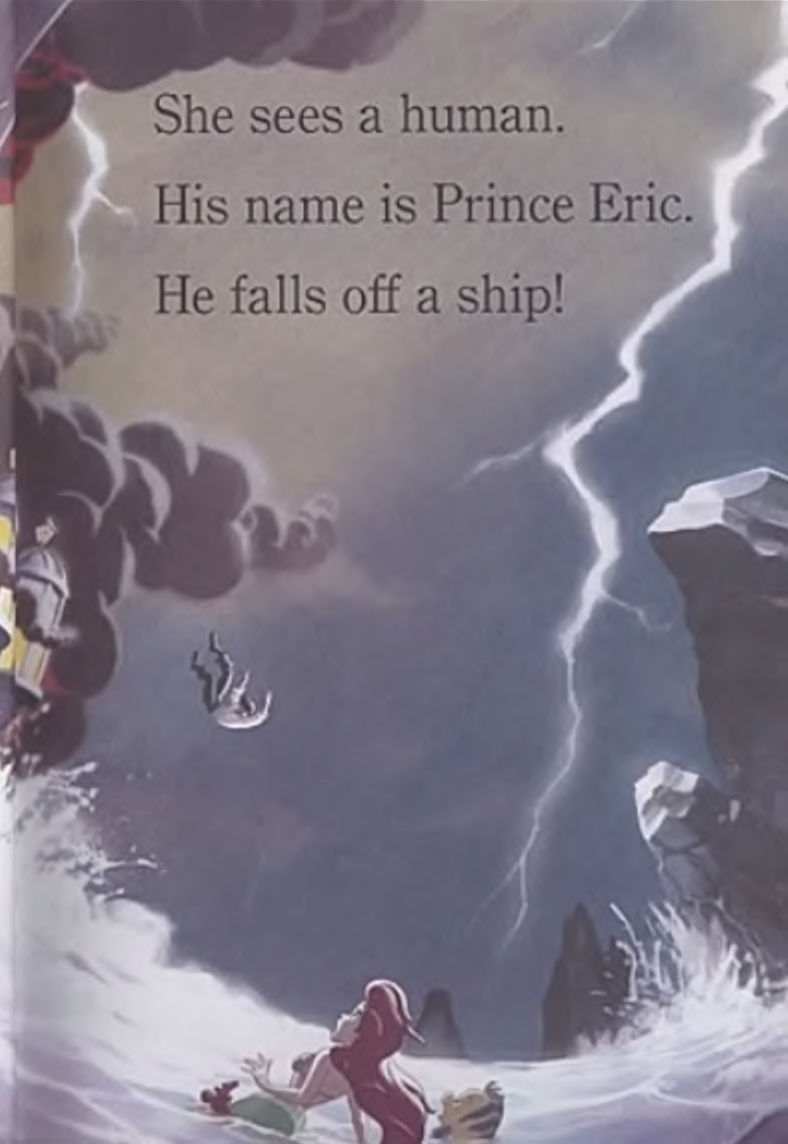
King Triton
is Ariel's father.
He is angry
with Ariel.

He does not
trust humans.
He wants Ariel
to stay home.



A dramatic illustration of a ship on fire at night. The ship is dark, with bright orange and yellow flames erupting from its deck and hull. Thick black smoke billows from the burning areas. The ship is tilted, suggesting it is in a storm or has capsized. The background is dark, with some light reflecting off the water.

At night,
Ariel swims
above the water.
There is a storm.

A dramatic illustration of a storm at night. The sky is dark and filled with heavy, dark clouds. A bright, jagged lightning bolt strikes down from the sky on the right side. In the center, a small figure is seen falling through the air. In the foreground, a woman with long red hair is shown from the waist up, looking up in shock or concern. She is wearing a red dress. The water is turbulent with white foam from the waves.

She sees a human.
His name is Prince Eric.
He falls off a ship!

Ariel saves Eric.



Ariel sings
to Eric.
She falls in love
with him.

Ursula is an evil witch.
She takes Ariel's voice.



She gives Ariel legs.
Ariel must kiss Eric.
She has three days.
If they do not kiss,
she will lose her legs
and her voice forever.



Ariel is human!

She can live on land.

She loves her new legs.



Ariel's friends help her.
Scuttle makes
her a dress.



Eric is looking
for the girl
who sang to him.
He thinks it is Ariel.
But she has no voice.

Eric brings Ariel
to the palace.



She combs her hair
with a fork!
Eric laughs.
He likes Ariel.



Eric and Ariel
go on a boat ride.
They almost kiss.





Ursula's eels tip
the boat over!

Ursula does not want
Eric to kiss Ariel.
She changes herself.
She uses Ariel's voice.



Eric loves her voice.
He thinks he is in love
with Ursula!

Eric is going
to marry Ursula!
Scuttle finds out
about her trick.





Scuttle and his friends
stop Ursula.

Ariel's voice is back!
It is too late.
She turns
into a mermaid again.
Ursula laughs.



She turns
into a huge monster!
Eric stops her for good.

King Triton wants Ariel
to be happy.



He makes her
human again.



Eric loves Ariel.
Now they can be
together forever.



Eric and Ariel live
happily ever after!



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